

III. REMARKS

The specification has been amended to conform to the drawings. It is therefore respectfully submitted that new drawings are not required. However, if the Examiner still wishes new drawings, they will be provided.

Section heading have been added to the specification.

The claims have been amended as requested. It is therefore submitted that they conform to 35 USC 112, 2nd paragraph.

In order to save power, the present invention has a terminal transmit a message which does not require a response from the access point.

In column 5, lines 19 to 23, Baptist presents a situation in which the terminal exits the range of the network after sending a message. In this case, it will not receive an acknowledgement message. In contrast to this, the idea of the present invention is that the access point should never send a response to a "resource request" or a similar message from the terminal.

Independent claims 1, 7 and 10 now all recited that no acknowledgement message is transmitted. Since this not disclosed in Baptist, the rejection of claims 1-10 under 35 USC 102 on Baptist should be withdrawn.

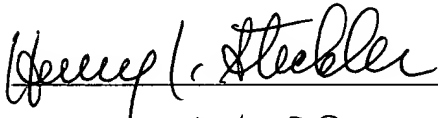
Further, since this concept is not suggested by Baptist, these claims are unobvious over it.

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now present in the application are clearly

novel and patentable over the prior art of record, and are in proper form for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested. Should any unresolved issues remain, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

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